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In re Application of: Alan Chervitz et al.
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
ORTHOPEDIC FIXATION
Group Art Unit: 3732
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PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed February 26, 2003 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from May 26, 2003 to July 26, 2003.

Inasmuch as July 26, 2003 falls on a Saturday, Applicants note that the response is actually due on Monday, July 28, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$205.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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